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FOLLOWING TEL FROM GUATEMALA 5871 DATED DECEMBER 12,
1973 SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO
YOU: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: ELECTION TO OAS INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY (CICYT)

REF: STATE 236737

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBOFF REQUESTED GOG SUPPORT FOR US
CANDIDATE SIMONPIETRI FOR CICYT. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTING DIR-
ECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BARREDA INDICATED THAT
GUATEMALA WILL SUPPORT OUR CANDIDATE BUT ADVISED THAT COLOMBIA
HAS ALREADY SOLICITED GUATEMALA'S SUPPORT FOR ITS MAN. IN
SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BARREDAINFORMEDUS " ON PERSONAL
BASIS"
THAT AN APPROACH BY CHARGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD AID
OUR CAUSE.

2. BARREDA DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF HOW U.S. WOULD VOTE BUT DID
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SAY THAT GUATEMALA'S INCUMBENT MEMBER OF CICYT (JORGE ARIAS DE

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BLOIS) WOULD BE PROPOSED FOR REELECTION. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUC-
TIONS, WE MADE NO MENTION OF HOW U.S. WOULD VOTE. WE ASSUME THAT
BARREDA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE CHARGE DISCUSS ISSUE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER DIRECTLY RELATED TO VOTE TRADING. WE BELIEVE THAT IT
WOULD BE UNWISE TO MAKE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH REQUESTING GUATEMALA'S
VOTE FOR U.S. CANDIDATE UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO PLEDGE OUR
SUPPORT TO ARIAS. BARREDA INDICATED THAT DECISION ON CICYT
VOTE WOULD BE TAKEN TOMORROW (DEC. 13).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER U.S. CAN
PLEDGE VOTE FOR GUATEMALAN CANDIDATE IN RETURN FOR GUATEMALA'S
VOTE FOR OUR MAN.

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